GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3833
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PROCUREMENT OF MAIZE BY FCI IN KARNATAKA
KOLUR BASAVANAGOUD

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka had requested the Union Government to take necessarysteps for the early clearing of the stock of maize as any delay may spoil the stock;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether the farmers have suffered any loss due to the delay on the part of FCI in clearing off the stock; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Entire stocks have been sold to the willing buyers including some Government agencies under Open Market Sale Scheme and lifting is in progress.

(c)&(d): The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has made full payments to the farmers to the extent of procurement made by FCIThe FCI has also made payment for the stocks procured and passed on by the Karnataka State Food & Civil Supplies Corporation to FC upto 28.2.2001.

A total amount of Rs.109.07 crore has been paid to the farmers. Out of this, Rs.56.42 crore has been paid by FCI and Rs.52.65 crore has been paid by Karnataka State Food &Civil Supplies Corporation.FCI is releasing payments to the State Government on the submission of bills regarding release of stocks to the tenderers.